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REFER TO FILE: **MP-5**

March 25, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
RIDING AND HIKING TRAIL - VICINITY OF ALTADENA
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find this action categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Find that:
 - a. Pursuant to Section 8330 (a) of the California Streets and Highways Code, the portion of riding and hiking trail, northwest of Devonwood Road, legally described in Exhibit "A" and depicted in Exhibit "B" of the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation (the Easement), has been superseded by relocation.
 - b. Pursuant to Section 8334 (a) of the California Streets and Highways Code, the Easement constitutes excess right of way not required for street or highway purposes.
3. Adopt the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation for the Easement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG) and local homeowners requested that the portion of the Altadena Crest Trail located on the easterly side of the applicant's property be relocated further west of Devonwood Road. As a result of this request, Altadena Valley Development, LLC, and YBL Investors, LLC (Owners), the underlying fee owners of the hiking trail easement, agreed to and dedicated an alternate riding and hiking trail easement, with approval from the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works. The new riding and hiking trail easement is located parallel with and 10 feet northwest of Devonwood Road. Consequently, the Easement is no longer needed for present or prospective public use.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as the vacation and dedication of a portion of the riding and hiking trail easement enhances public accessibility to and enjoyment of the trail.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Vacation of the Easement will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Easement contains approximately 2,372 square feet and is shown on the map attached to the Resolution as Exhibit "B" and was acquired by dedication in Document No. 03-1606753, recorded on June 5, 2003, on file in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

To enhance the continuity of the Altadena Crest Trail, the Owners, with the approval of Parks and Recreation and ACTRWG, have granted the County an alternate riding and hiking trail easement containing an area of approximately 2,172 square feet.

On June 3, 2003, your Board adopted a Resolution vacating a portion of an existing trail easement dedicated to the County in 1956, located approximately 30 feet north of Devonwood Road, on the condition that a substitute alignment, along the Easement, be dedicated to the County. The purpose of this vacation was to accommodate proposed development plans on the larger parcel. The Easement was dedicated thereafter; however, when the 1956 alignment was closed, trail users and homeowners raised concerns about the new alignment.

Meetings were held thereafter involving our office, the Owners, ACTRWG, the Chief Administrative Office, Parks and Recreation, and the District office to address the concerns raised by the community groups. After a number of discussions, an alignment acceptable to all parties was finally approved, and a trail easement over this alignment has been dedicated by the Applicants.

The Public Streets, Highways, and Service Easement Vacation Law (Part 3 of Division 9 of the Streets and Highways Code) allows your Board to voluntarily relinquish the County's interest and terminate the public's right over a public easement. Adoption by your Board of our recommendations will terminate the rights of the public to use the Easement, which has been superseded and rendered unnecessary by the dedication of the new easement over the new alignment, and disposes of excess County right of way. Your action will also result in the property being unencumbered by the public trail easement, thereby allowing the underlying fee owners to reclaim the area vacated.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed vacation is categorically exempt as specified in Class 1, Class 4, Class 5, Class 12, Class 16, and Class 21 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57, and Sections 15301, 15304, 15305, 15312, 15316, and 15321 of State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No fire protection facilities will be affected by the proposed vacation. The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission has determined that the proposed vacation and relocation of the riding and hiking trail do not conflict with the County-adopted General Plan.

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CONCLUSION

This action is in the County's best interest. Enclosed is a Resolution of Summary Vacation, approved as to form by County Counsel. Upon adoption of the Resolution, please return the executed original and a copy for further processing. Public Works will record the Resolution and return the executed original Resolution to you when recorded. In the interim, please retain one executed copy for your files.

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Parks and Recreation

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County of Los Angeles is the holder of an easement for riding and hiking trail purposes (hereafter referred to as the "Easement"), in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto, and depicted on Exhibit "B," attached hereto. The Easement is generally located in the unincorporated area of Altadena, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
2. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9 of the Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8330. This vacation is made based upon the following facts:
 - a. The Easement has been superseded by relocation;
 - b. The Easement is excess right of way not required for street and highway purposes; and
3. This vacation does not terminate any public service easement and no in-place public utility facilities that are in use are to be affected by the vacation.
4. The Department of Public Works be authorized to record the certified original Resolution in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will no longer be a public easement.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 20____, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By _____
Deputy

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

RIDING & HIKING TRAIL VACATION
A.M.B. 5843-001-027, 028 (Portions)
T.G. 536 A/3
I.M. 174-237
R.D. 514
S.D. Fifth District
Job. No. M0388105

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

That certain 12-foot-wide strip of land described in deed to the County of Los Angeles for riding and hiking trail purposes, recorded on June 5, 2003, in Document No. 03-1606753 of Official Records, in the Office of the Recorder of said county.

Total Area: 2,372 ± square feet

APPROVED AS TO DESCRIPTION
January 28, 2004
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BY [Signature]
SUPERVISING CADASTRAL ENGINEER I
Mapping & Land Use Management Division

This real property description has been prepared in conformance with the Professional Land Surveyors Act. The signatory herein is exempt pursuant to Section 8726 of the Land Surveyors Act.

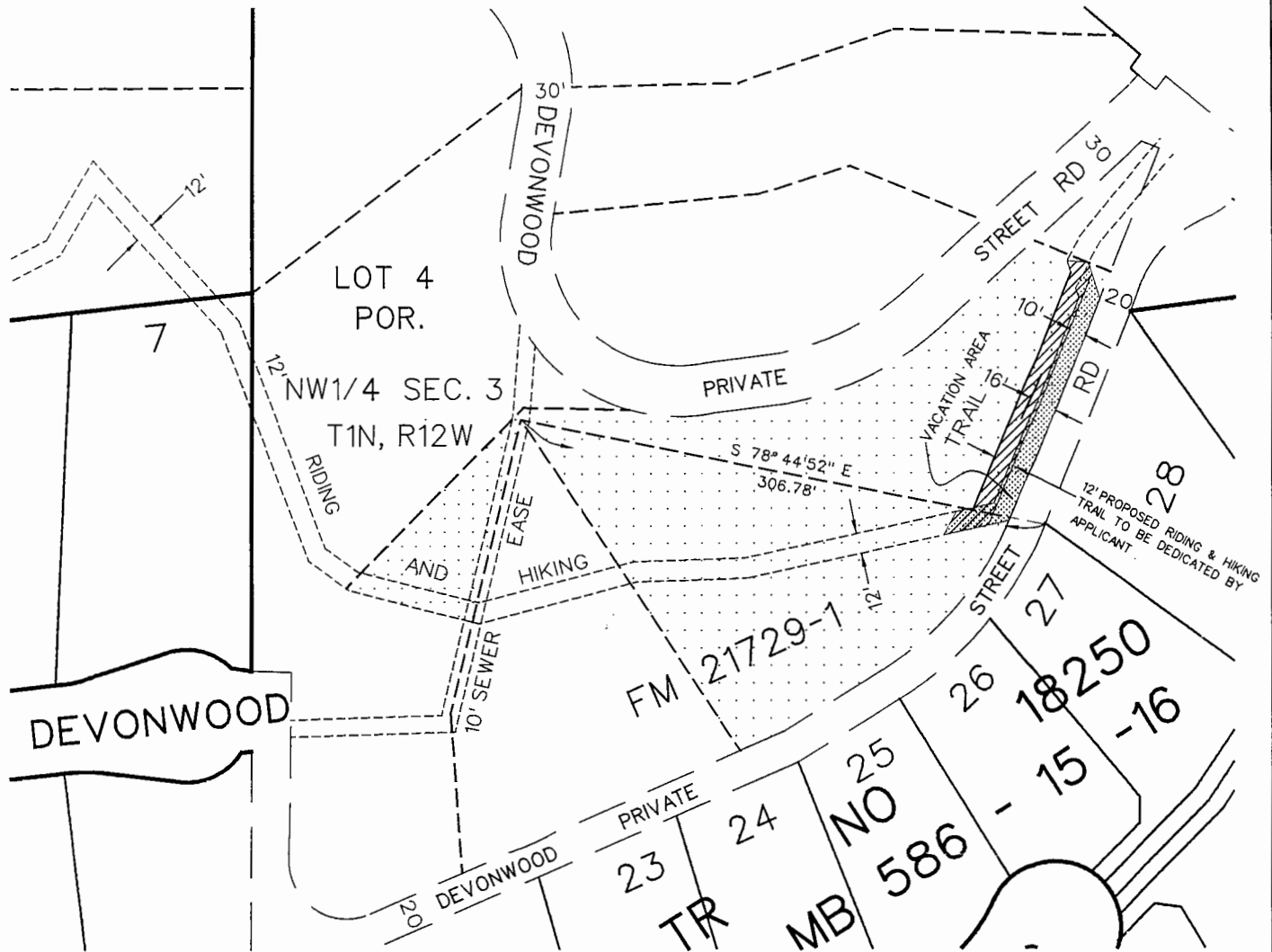
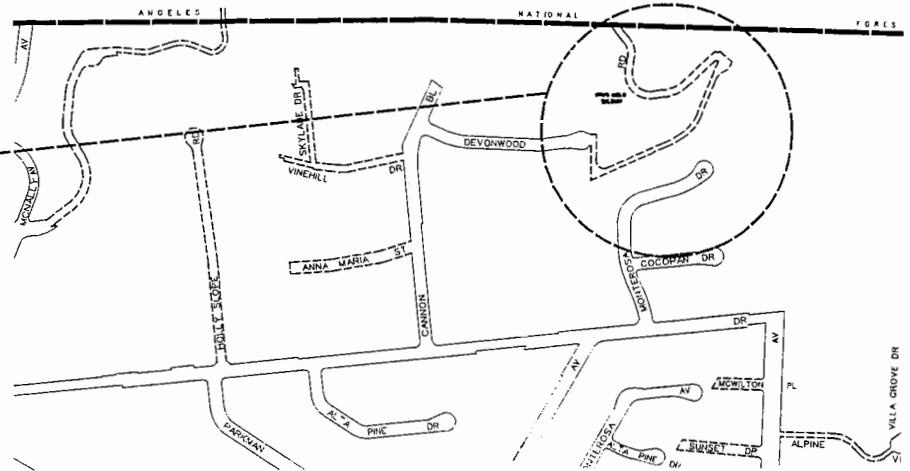
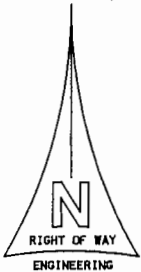


EXHIBIT "B"

SUBJECT LOCATION



LEGEND

- Applicants Property
- Proposed Vacation
- Trail to be Vacated
- Total Vacation Area 2372± s.f.
- New Trail (Dedicated)
- Trail Area 2172± s.f

REVISIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MAPPING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

SD. 5 RD. 514 A.M.B. 5843-01 T.G. 536-A3

**RIDING & HIKING
TRAIL**
E/O CANYON BLVD
NW/O DEVONWOOD RD

DRAWING NO.
M0388105

SCALE NONE DATE 11-20-02 I.M. 174-237